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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments are requested to correct the specification to conform to the drawings. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

AI Page 7, Paragraph beginning on Line 15 (Amended) FIGS. 4A and 4B illustrate an exemplary reservation database stored in the central controller of FIG. 2;

AL Page 14, Paragraph beginning on Line 14 (Amended) As discussed below in connection with FIGS. 3, 4A and 4B, the data storage device 230 includes a flight inventory database 240 and a reservation database 250.